

Washington Massage

NEWS



Wash. Chapter, American Association Masseurs & Masseuses

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NOTICE

This is the last issue to be put from the offices of Ruth Williams. Beginning with the next issue the new editor will be Arthur Dunbar, R.M. Good Luck Art in your new adventure

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Minutes of Washington State Convention 1958 of the A.A.M.M.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00a.m. Friday, June 6, 1958 in the New Washington Hotel in Seattle, Washington. Eleven voting members were present and the meeting was opened by Arthur Mann, acting in the place of Pryor Canaday who was unable to be present due to illness, by presentation of the U.S. Flag and the Group song God Bless America. John Murray gave the opening prayer and A Welcome was extended to all by the Seattle City Council in the person of Floyd Miller.

To The meeting was then turned over to Pete I. Eitrem, State President, who explained the rules of order and expressed his appreciation to the board of directors and officers for the past years work and co-operation together. He gave a brief report on the Washington State resolution on withdrawal cards that was enacted at National Convention last year. (page 74, paragraph 2 of the by-laws).

The Minutes of the last convention were read and approved. The Sec'y-Treasurers report was made and the auditing committee was appointed. These were: Leston Short, Arthur Mann, and John Murray. Many commented on the extreme care used in handling the fund the past year. The budget of 1957 was read and expenditures were compared with it. 58-59 budget committee reported, and after comment and questions were answered, the tentative budget was approved. Arthur Mann reported that the legislative committee had nothing new to tell us, but that they were on guard at all times to protect the Massage profession.

There are no restrictions to the Masseur and Masseuses staying in their own bounds as yet, and we were assured that nothing will get by them in Olympia. Regina Williams asked what happened to the Minnesota Massage act and told the Masseurs got a Massage Act passed and then relaxed their Vigilances and allowed the M.D.'s to act on the licencing board and they in turn made the examinations so stiff that Masseurs could not pass them. Dorothy Mann stressed that we still can't relax for there is always someone trying to tack amendments on the now existing law.

Arthur Mann reported that the Membership Committee is plugging (page 1)

ahead with a new members this year. The executive board provided expense for Arthur Mann to use in the Legeslative and Membership committees.

The minutes of the executive board meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made by Jess Williams, Seconded by Reging Williams that ~~Ermel~~ Rothgib be given an Honory Lifetime Membership. ~~Unanimous~~ **Unanimous**

It was decided to elect a Chaplin each year along with the other officers.

Adjorned 12 noon.

The afternoon meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. and business got underway with the motion by Art Dunbar that the convention be allowed \$100.00 expenxe money each year and that the registration fee be set at \$10.00 each member with the Hostess City being responsible for all arrangements as to programs, Pictures, registration, Demonstration and all other arrangements pertaining to the convention, leaving only the business sessions to the care of the officers. All money left over from Convention to be re-funded back to state chapter. Motion was seconded by Arthur Mann and was carried.

Millie Markus made a motion that the minutes of all state and local meetings be sent to the editor for publication in the A.A.M.M. news.

A motion was made to suspend the rule concerning nomanating committees and adopted. With Regina Williams, Leston Short and Mrs. Dorothy Mann appointed to the Committee.

Sec'y-Treas. was reminded to send a card and flowers to Pryor Canaday who was ill. (A Book Called "Daily Food For Christian Living by Dr. Charles S. Spurgen was sent him in ~~Locu~~ of the flowers.)

Arthur Dunbar was selected as our new editor of the A.A.M.M. news.

A letter form D.A. Carlson was read and a recommendation made to the Schools and Colleges Committee.

Meeting was adjorned at 5:30 P.M. and all members went too visit the Physical Conditioning Dept. of Washington Athelitic Club Friday evening.

Saturday morning

President Pete Eitriem called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. with John Murray offering up a prayer for our meeting. The auditting Committee gave their report that all was in order and signed the sec'y-treasurers report.

The nomanation committee gave their report at this time. They were: President- Pete Eitriem

Vice-President- Russell Soper and Blossom Guntley.

Sec'y-Treas.- Ruth Williams

For the Board: John Murray, Leston Short, Don Edwards, Arthur

Mann, Everett Sellars, Millie Morkus.

Report on the resolution for acceptance of Chiropractors, Naturopaths, Myropaths, etc. into A.A.M.M. membership was read and extensive discussion concerning types of massage, and what the definition of a Masseur or Masseuses is followed. A motion was made by Arthur Dunbar and Seconded by Jess Williams that the following resolution be adopted and sent to the national for their adoption Towitt:

That members of other professions of the healing arts may be admitted to the A.A.M.M. provided they are working only as masseurs and Masseuses and do not display other Certificates or use the title of Doctor unless qualified by state law. (A Masseur being defined as one who devotes the major portion of each treatment, to hand massage.) Motion carried.

Arthur Dunbar suggested that a code of ethics be made that it be unethical for a masseur to make derogatory statements concerning other professions without severe provocation. He was informed that such a code was already in effect, but members were reminded that this code be stressed and reread by all members. It is to be found on page 38 of the last registry and year book.

Lete I. Eitrien gave warning that masseurs be careful what devices or modalatives they use^{ss} as not to arouse the ire of the Medical Profession.

Moses Lake was suggested and approved as the next convention place.

Meeting adjourned for Lunch and came back at 1:30 P.M. with election of officers the first order of business.

Motion to suspend rule to elect officers not present due to the small assembly this time was carried. Lete I. Eitrien was elected President by unanimous ballot. Vice-President was Blossom Guntly. Sec'y Treas- Ruth Williams Board of Directors elected was: Leston Short, John Murray, Arthur Mann, Russel Soper, and Regina Williams. Tryor Canaday- Chaplin Mrs. Myrtle Mann- Alternate Chaplin. New officers were installed by Mrs. Myrtle Mann

Next convention to be held in Moses Lake the second week end in June with a host convention. President appointed Feqina Williams Dorothy Mann, and Blossom Guntly to the entertainment committee with Leston Short as registration chairman. Sec'y- Treas. to arrange meeting place with board meeting Friday evening, and business all day Saturday and sight seeing on Sunday.

A vote of thanks was given John Murray for the fine arrangements that were made for this convention.

Business adjourned at 3 P.M. and some fine demonstrations were then given followed by a sumptuous banquet and entertainment. A wonderful talk was made to us, by Dr. Stewart on the subject of the After care of Fractures by the Masseuse.

Spokane News

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Mc Clure, "Luny Mc Clure, Myrtle Ring and Ida Hicks. On June 25th, Spokane Chapter is having a combination picnic, pot luck lunch, meeting and convention report at the Newman Lake Cottage of Robert Mc Clure. We expect about 20 members and guests to attend. This will be our last meeting for the summer. Meetings will be resumed in October and will be held each month during the fall, winter and Spring.

Convention report as seen through the eyes of John A. Murray,
R.M.

Now that the ~~smoke~~ of our state convention has cleared away and all is silent for another year. Much to the relief of the convention committee we came through in the black. We owe that to a wonderful organization of wonderful people, who always come through when the chips are down.

We had many disappointments, First,- Our own members right in the immediate area of Seattle failed to attend Convention, to learn what we are trying to do for them, and lending a voice and shoulder, to help. Second- in our efforts to acquaint prospective members with our association, we sent out invitations to all non-members, practicing Massage Therapy, within the Seattle area, to join with us at banquet, following the convention, a dozen or so called and made reservations, about half of those came, result-- we had five or six dinners to pay for. Third-- In order for our own members to make a success of conventions in the future, we must give it our full time and attention. We can not, in a small association such as ours, be tardy, attend part time, leave early, or attend to our own personnel business or pleasure, we know from one year to the next how many days, convention time will take, the attendance of everyone, full time is needed to make it a success, so we should arrange our personal affairs so that we can give our all to convention.

Personally our banquet was a disappointment, in quality, quantity and attendance, I have had for better dinners at Von's here in Seattle for at least a dollar less.

Dr. John E. Stewart, orthopedic surgeon, gave us a very interesting word picture, of a bone fracture, and its after care, and the value of Scientific Massage to promote faster healing. Dr Stewart stated nothing can compare with the well trained hands of a qualified masseur or masseuse, He frowned upon the technicians with an office full of impressive gadgets, with flashing lights, etc. impressive to many patients, but usually no more necessary than the needle of many "shot" minded physicians.

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